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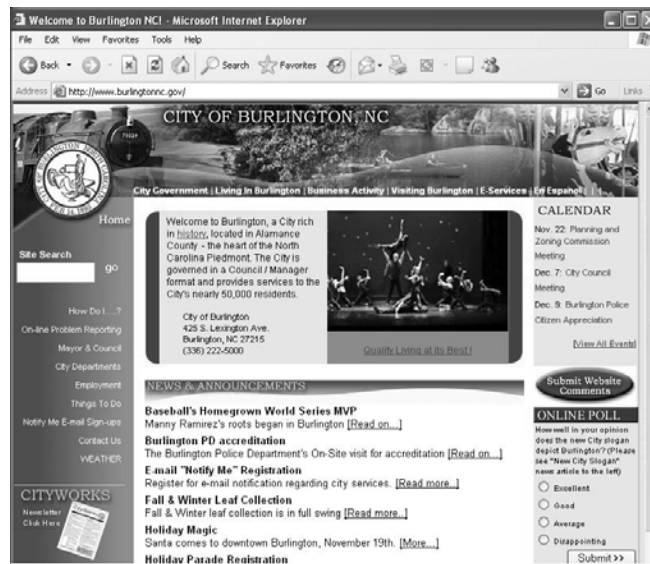
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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

City Launches New Website

The City of Burlington has a new and improved website that went live in September. Representatives from each City department formed a committee challenged with the mission of creating a website which would provide information that might enrich lives of residents, establish better communication tools between the community, elected officials and City staff in addition to creating an economic development tool to showcase the Burlington community for new business ventures.



office to another on the telephone through this easy-to-use website. All types of information can be found from when fall leaves are collected on City streets to the cost and location of after-school programs for children, to the hours and fees for indoor swimming year-round.

Users of the website can save themselves trips to City offices by printing forms stored on the website. Two good examples are applying for a business license and apply-

ing for building permits; even zoning regulations are available from your personal computer.

By signing up for the "Notify Me Email" citizens can automatically receive emails regarding job opportunities, changes in recreation schedules, or cancellations at the moment the information is posted. By utilizing the "Notify Me" section, citizens can elect to subscribe or unsubscribe to email lists of their choice and receive information about any topic that interests them.

Mayor Stephen M. Ross stated, "The website tells a story, it provides everyone with information and interaction." Not only is it an improvement for the public, but the Mayor believes it will "allow us to do our jobs better." An objective of the website committee was to make the website as easy to navigate as point-and-click. The website should be a time saver for residents, business owners and City staff.

By simply typing www.burlingtonNC.gov residents and visitors can access over 600 pages of useful knowledge. The website offers a variety of information including a calendar of events, City budgets, access to traffic accident reports, vivid pictures, minutes of Council meetings, layout of the municipal golf course, maps, and much more. The site is user friendly. By typing the keyword into the search box, users are steered to documents containing the key word. The topics automatically sort themselves into logical categories and appear on the screen in an organized manner.

A section titled "Frequently Asked Questions" is of particular value for business owners and residents seeking common information regarding City and county government. This includes registering to vote, applying for a marriage license, reporting out-of-order streetlights. From the ease of their homes, residents can now report any City problem from a pot-hole to an abandoned vehicle. Users can avoid paging through phone books and being passed from one

www.burlingtonNC.gov

Animal News

The Burlington Police Department's Animal Services Division is a full-time section of the department that is responsible for enforcement of City codes and North Carolina state laws pertaining to animal issues. The Animal Services Division is also responsible for operation of the City / County Animal Shelter as well as the Pet Adoption Center. The division is committed to offering the finest service and prides itself on professionalism and a staff that is committed to public service. The division also maintains a standard that emphasizes compassion and humane treatment for all the animals received and housed at the facilities.

Pet Adoption Center Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday

10:00am - Noon

Sunday & Holidays- Closed

For more information call 578-0343

www.petsforadoption.org

The Pet Adoption Center is located on Stone Quarry Road, one mile past Cum-Park Plaza on North Church in Burlington. It serves the citizens of Alamance County and beyond.

Burlington, NC

Connecting the Triad & Triangle

The City Council, on Tuesday night, November 2, 2004, decided on a new City slogan:

“Connecting the Triad & Triangle”

The Council recognizes truth in the adage: “location, location, location” and the fact that one of Burlington’s greatest assets is its strategic position between Research Triangle Park (RTP), which has become the “silicone valley of the east coast,” and the Triad area of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point.

Burlington is well situated in the heart of internationally acclaimed universities, all within an hour’s drive: Duke, Wake Forest, Chapel Hill, NC State, UNCG, A&T, High Point, and Elon in its back yard.

It is apparent from the recent growth Burlington is experiencing, that outside investors have already recognized the City’s prime location along two major interstates (85 and 40). Burlington is home to the headquarters of the largest biomedical-testing laboratory in North America, LabCorp. It has a newly improved airport that can land a 737, and with its lakes, golf courses, and natural beauty, it is fast becoming one of the hottest real estate areas in North Carolina. It is no surprise, therefore, that the City Council chose to focus on the location asset of Burlington.

Many slogans have been suggested to replace “Bigger Better Burlington” which was used for several decades. Some of those considered by the Council were: “Burlington, the City of Recreation,” “A City of Progress in Motion,” and “Burlington, the heart of North Carolina.”

One thing is sure, the City can no longer be known as “The City Without a Slogan.”

Changes in Child Passenger Safety Law Effective January 1, 2005

A message from the Burlington Fire Department

Senate Bill 1218, which implements enhancements to the NC CPS Law, was signed into law by Governor Easley on August 17.

The changes will go into effect January 1, 2005.

The main change in this “Booster Seat Law” is that it will require most children less than age eight and 80 pounds to be restrained in a weight-appropriate child restraint. For the most part, this means belt-positioning booster seats for children over 40 pounds.

This bill was one of the main legislative initiatives of the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force, and the NC CPS Community owes the Task Force a big thank you for the work that went into this effort. For more information on the Task Force, contact Tom Vitaglione, Co-chair of the Child Fatality Task Force, via email at tom@ncchild.org or by phone at 919-834-6623, ext. 235.

Information on Senate Bill 1218 and how it will effect the NC CPS law can be found on buckleupnc.org at:

www.buckleupnc.org/sb1218info.cfm

City of Burlington Water Bills Have **NEW** Look

CITY OF BURLINGTON
PO BOX 1358
425 S LEXINGTON AVE
BURLINGTON NC 27215

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F
Night Depository Available

Billing/Inquiries: 336-222-5100
Bank Draft Information: 336-222-5100
Emergency-After Office Hours: 336-229-3500

Internet Address:
www.BurlingtonNC.gov

Walk-In Payments:
Municipal Building - 425 S. Lexington Ave

Account Number	Date Mailed	Due Date	Service Address
CHARGES BLOCK			MESSAGE
Reading Dates: Previous Reading Present Reading Gallons Used x			This is your new City of Burlington Water Bill with a return envelope. We hope you find this method of billing easier to read and understand. If you have any questions, please call 336-222-5100.
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Total Due \$ E = Estimated			

DETACH AND RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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PAST DUE	CURRENT DUE
PAY THIS AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID

IF YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AS LISTED ABOVE
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ADDRESS TO THE RIGHT.

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CITY OF BURLINGTON
PO BOX 1358
BURLINGTON NC 27216-1358

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You should have noticed that your water bill has changed from a post card format. The new bill, pictured above, should help alleviate lost bills, allow for information to be sent inside the bill and save on postage, and also make the bill easier to read.

You can save time!
Save a Check!

Pay your water bill with direct deposit through the City of Burlington's Bank Draft Plan! Pick up an Enrollment Form and Authorization Agreement in the Customer Service Division or call to have one mailed.

HOW DO I ENROLL IN THIS PLAN?

To enroll, fully complete the Enrollment Form and Authorization Agreement and mail to:

City of Burlington

Customer Service Division

Post Office Box 1358

Burlington, North Carolina 27216-1358

Or you may return your completed form in person to the

Customer Service Division

Room 207, Municipal Building

425 South Lexington Avenue

Should you have questions regarding this service, please call the Customer Service Division at 336-222-5100.

CITY OF BURLINGTON
Office of Public Information
CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Burlington City Council invites you to take a more active role in municipal affairs by applying for appointment to one of the City's advisory boards or commissions.

The City Council will appoint qualified City residents to these boards and commissions during the month of July. Applicants are encouraged to attend a meeting of the board or commission in which they are interested to gain a greater awareness of its duties and responsibilities.

Burlington residents interested in applying for appointment should contact the Public Information Department, Room 201, Municipal Building, 425 S. Lexington Avenue, 222-5076, or go on-line to www.BurlingtonNC.gov to obtain an application. **Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, April 1, 2005.**

Board of Adjustment - Considers appeals concerning zoning variations. Meets 2nd Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Room 202, Municipal Building.

Burlington-Alamance Airport Authority - Addresses matters concerning the operation of the local airport. Meets 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Burlington-Alamance Regional Airport.

Burlington-Graham Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control-
Oversees the operation of ABC stores and disburses profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages. Meets last Thursday in months of January, April, June, July, and October, 4:30 p.m., General Office, 603 W. Harden St., Graham.

Burlington Housing Commission - Evaluates housing condemnation requests and other housing concerns within the City. Meets 4th Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Inspections classroom.

Community Appearance Commission - Makes recommendations to City Council regarding community appearance, plans for the preservation, planting, and removal of trees on City property. Meets 3rd Wednesday, 4:00p.m., Street Department, 234 E. Summit Ave.

Housing Authority - Directs all federal housing projects within the City. Meets 1st Thursday, noon, Housing Authority Office, 133 N. Ireland St.

Historic Preservation Commission - Advises City Council regarding historic sites and preservation. Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Room 101, Municipal Bldg.

Planning and Zoning Commission - Advises City Council on planning, zoning, and subdivision matters. Meets 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m., Room 202, Municipal Bldg.

Recreation and Parks Commission - Advises City Council on matters involving recreational facilities operated by the City. Meets 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Kernodle Senior Center, 1535 S. Mebane Street.

Telecommunications Advisory Commission - Advises City Council on cable repair service matters and regulates basic tier cable rates. Called meetings.

Traffic Commission - Considers matters relative to the safe and efficient flow of traffic in the City. Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Room 202, Municipal Bldg.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Smith at 222-5076.

Upcoming Events

For more details on upcoming events, visit our website - www.BurlingtonNC.gov



Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 6, 2005

3:00 p.m.

Thataways Teen Center

Call 229-3148 for information

Lawn Care Day

Saturday, March 5, 2005

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Call 229-3148 for information



Soccer Registration

January 3-28, 2005

Swim Lessons

Session I

January 10 – February 10, 2005

Morning and evening classes available. Please call for information 222-5043.



Easter Egg Hunt

March 26, 2005

10:00a.m.

City Park

For other recreation events visit our website and view the
City of Burlington Leisure Living Guide.
www.burlingtonNC.gov

The City of Burlington Reminds you to Recycle

Recycling Facts

In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times his or her adult weight in garbage. This means that each adult will leave a legacy of 90,000 lbs. of trash for his/her children.
www.recyclingit.com/recyfact2.htm

In 2003/2004 North Carolina's households recycled 1 million tons of material.

Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance

Every year, we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap the state of Texas.

www.epa.gov/grtlakes/seahome/housewaste/src/plastic.htm

The steel from the more than 84% of appliances (39 million) recycled last year yielded enough steel to build about 160 football stadiums.

Steel Recycling Institute; Environmental Protection Agency

If every household in the U.S. reused a paper grocery bag for one shopping trip, about 60,000 trees would be saved.
S.C. Office of Solid waste Reduction

You can find the City of Burlington's holiday recycling schedule on our website. Questions should be directed to Waste Management at 226-1900.



Garbage and Recyclables Collection



New Year's Day

Monday, January 3, 2005

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, January 4.

Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, January 5.

No recycling collection change.

Dr. King's Birthday **Monday, January 17, 2005**

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, January 18.

Will collect Tuesday route on January 19.

No recycling collection change.

Easter Monday **Monday, March 28, 2005**

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, March 29.

Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, March 30.

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